

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Page and Jones, Inc., for receiving the Alabama Governor's Trade Excellence Award. I know the company president, Mike Lee, the company employees, their friends, families, and members of the community also join with me in praising Page and Jones, Inc., for their many accomplishments and for extending thanks for their continued service to the Alabama business community, the First Congressional District, and to the international business community.

IN RECOGNITION OF JULIAN H.
"PETE" BOOKER

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 23, 2007

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Julian H. "Pete" Booker for receiving the 2007 New Castle County Chamber of Commerce Wallace M. Johnson Community Service Award. This great honor has been bestowed upon Mr. Booker for his commendable efforts to reduce teen automobile crashes in my home state of Delaware as well as for his dedication to numerous other philanthropic causes.

Julian, better known as Pete, created Delaware's SMARTDRIVE program, which educates high school students about safe driving techniques. Through this program nearly a dozen local agencies are partnered with more than two dozen high schools in order to ensure young drivers are able to safely handle the challenges of being behind the wheel. The program has achieved great success and has largely impacted many people in Delaware. This success was recognized in 2006 when the program received a national safety award.

Pete is currently finishing his second three-year term on the United Way of Delaware's Board of Directors, where he has volunteered since 1994. His talents and tireless dedication to such a worthy cause have facilitated and enhanced much needed programs in Delaware communities.

Pete further demonstrates commitment to his community by volunteering a great deal of time and resources to numerous other charities. The American Red Cross of the Delmarva Peninsula, the Delaware Association of Non-Profit Agencies, and Catholic Charities are but a few causes he has volunteered to assist.

Pete has also utilized his professional success to further the many causes he champions. As the president and CEO of Delmarva Broadcasting Company, he is able to donate generous portions of air-time to campaign thank-you ads as well as underwrite a portion of United Way's public events. The state of Delaware is greatly indebted to Mr. Booker for his selfless efforts. He has created a charitable legacy that has, and will continue to, touch many. I would like to congratulate Pete for receiving the Wallace M. Johnson Community Service Award. I cannot think of a more deserving recipient.

TRIBUTE TO GREEK
INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 23, 2007

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today and join the millions of my fellow Americans in commemorating Greek Independence Day which, on March 25th celebrates the 186th anniversary of the rebellion and the struggle of the Greek people against the Ottoman Empire.

Thomas Jefferson referred to ancient Greece as the "light which led ourselves out of Gothic darkness." What makes Greek Independence Day so special here in America is that it reminds us of the strong principles and bonds that the U.S. and Greece share. In looking into the struggles of our two nations, we realize how much our struggles have in common, and how much each country has been influenced by the other.

Greece and the United States are bound by an absolute commitment to the democratic ideals of justice and freedom and continue to be strong allies. By commemorating Greek Independence Day, we also celebrate the strength and the resolve of the human spirit that has been the inspiration of us all.

On the occasion of the anniversary of Greek independence, I join all Americans in wishing the people of Greece congratulations and best wishes. We will remain eternally grateful to the Greek people and the legacy of ancient Greece for the shining example it set for democracies the world over.

CHRISTIAN ANDRICK II FOR THE
AWARD OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 23, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christian Andrick II, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 603, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christian has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Christian has been involved in scouting and has held numerous leadership positions. He has served as Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Troop Bugler. Christian is in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and in the Order of the Arrow.

For his Eagle Scout project, Christian completed a landscaping beautifications project in front of the First Christian Church in Blue Springs, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christian Andrick II for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO DELORES FREENY
MAYES

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 23, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile, Alabama, and indeed the entire First Congressional District, recently lost a dear friend, a talented journalist and a lovely lady, and I rise today to pay tribute to her memory.

Delores Freeny Mayes—or "Lowey" as she was known to her many friends—was reared in Mobile and graduated from Bishop Toolen High School.

After working for many years at Mobile's Brookley Field, Delores went on to write for the Mobile Beacon, where she spent the past 25 years providing unique insights to her many faithful readers.

Dubbed the "Helen Thomas" of the south Alabama press corps by my predecessor, former Congressman Sonny Callahan, Delores was always fair to those she interviewed and covered. Although she was proud of her chosen profession, she was first—and foremost—always a lady.

Over the years, Delores had the opportunity to interview former President Ronald Reagan, former Alabama Governor George C. Wallace, Mississippi Senator TRENT LOTT, former Congressman Callahan, as well as his predecessor, former Congressman Jack Edwards, not to mention a host of other local, state and national political figures.

While she wrote about a wide-array of issues affecting Mobile and south Alabama, politics was never far from Delores' mind, and she was someone that public officials from all walks of life knew they could trust.

In recent years, Delores turned her love for writing into a celebration of her many other talents when she learned to draw and paint. I am the proud beneficiary of a number of her original etchings and paintings, and at this particular time when we are celebrating her life, each one carries a special meaning to me.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing this beloved member of the Mobile community.

Delores Mayes will be deeply missed by her sister, Jeanne Phillips; three brothers, Tommy Cain, Hubert Cain, and John Cain; many nieces and nephews; as well as countless friends she leaves behind.

Above all else, Delores was a devoted daughter, sibling, wife and mother. Moreover, she epitomized what a "true friend" really is.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHRISTINE
CARZO

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 23, 2007

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Christine Carzo for receiving the 2007 New Castle County Chamber of Commerce William V. Roth Citizenship Award. I can think of no one more deserving of this prestigious